Hennepin gallery in danger of closing

BY ALLAN BENNER
Staff Writer

Hennepin Hall Art Gallery might soon close its doors if it does not receive much needed financial support

Peggy Hill, a curator of the art gallery, said, "We'll stay open as long as we can; we'll try to stay open until May but it doesn't seem to matter."

The decision to continue depends on the gallery's finances as of Dec.1.

The gallery is running on $1,500, received as part of an Ontario government grant. It is still waiting for additional $1,000. Last year the gallery operated on $3,500.

"We are operating on limited funds," Mrs. Hill said. "We still have bills left over from last year. We put in for double last year's grant and got less."

BECOME A MEMBER

The art gallery is selling $10 memberships in an effort to raise money. Members will receive advance notice of art exhibitions, an invitation to the opening party where they receive complimentary beverages and hors-d'oeuvres. The artists usually attend the opening parties so members will get the opportunity to talk to them.

"We could run on membership funds if we got enough members," Mrs. Hill said.

Faculty members can arrange to have the yearly membership fee deducted from their pay cheques.

Theoretically, the gallery receives a commission from the sale of art it displays, but Mrs. Hill said, "We are not in a good position for selling art because people on the street can't see us, and we can't afford to advertise."

The gallery has started running exhibitions for two months instead of one month to try to save money on the art work.

Lynette Fast, a Brock University professor, will present a display of her work called Energies in Mixed Media from Dec.1 to Jan 24.

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What a life

Soon the pond will be frozen, but for now, this pair of swans at Happy Rolph's bird sanctuary in St. Catharines is taking advantage of open waters to do some swimming. The pair hatched one egg in the summer. The signet was drying itself on land when the picture was taken.

Photo by Tony Post

Strike dropouts may hit funding

By KGABO MODIBEDI
Staff Writer

The strike-related withdrawals of students from Niagara College may hurt the future funding of the college, vice-president of administration Hans van der Slagt said this week.

Colleges get a global amount of funds from the ministry and share those funds in proportion to the number of students they have. "So, the lower student population will affect us two or three years down the road," Mr. van der Slagt said.

Mr. van der Slagt said that the college would get rebates from the ministry on any refunded tuition this fall.

Up until Monday, 232 students had formally withdrawn from the college. This includes 122 who blamed the strike for their decision. Mr. van der Slagt said more students were withdrawing this fall than usual. Last year 155 students withdrew in the fall term.

The college will not be given refunds for students who do not come back in winter for their second and third years.

Agencies that do contract training with the college have agreed to extend the training into the following year. While the college will save the costs on the future salaries in this regard, it will lose revenues on those activities this fiscal year. "Unless the ministry decides to reimburse us — and I don't know if it will — we could lose some additional dollars," Mr. van der Slagt said.

Mr. van der Slagt said that, to the extent that the teachers' salary increase is more than the average 4.5 per cent increase to all colleges in 1989/90, colleges are going to have to find extra funds within their existing budgets.

"No one knows at this stage how those extra dollars are going to be found," he said. "But it could put pressure on colleges and cause difficulties of some sort."

This year the college is doing a five-year forecast of its revenues and expenses in an attempt to determine to what extent the college's enrolment can help it out of its budget deficit of $700,000.

"It's an attempt to project our enrolment levels five years down the road with the idea of supporting ourselves out of the deficit," Mr. van der Slagt said. Normally colleges budget for a year ahead.

Last day for refund

Today is the final day for students who cannot accommodate the post-strike schedule to apply for a full refund of all tuition fees paid for the 1989-90 academic year.

The tuition fee refund policy put together by the Committee of College Presidents states that students must notify the college — in writing — of their intention to withdraw by Nov. 24, 1989, if they are unable to accommodate the revised academic schedule.

"November 24 is a definite deadline," Jacqueline Robarts, president of Niagara College, said. "And it must be in writing."

According to the policy, any other reasons which the college reasonably considers to be strike-related may also entitle students to a tuition refund.

No academic penalty is to be recorded on the transcripts of students who withdraw by deadline, and no administration charges are to be withheld.

The policy applies to both full-time and part-time students.

Phil Killeen, chairman of the Committee of Presidents of Ontario's community colleges, announced the tuition fee refund policy Nov. 15. This policy was developed by the Committee of Presidents Task Force On Strike Related Funding issues in consultation with officials from the Ministry of Colleges and Universities.

122 withdraw after strike

One hundred and twenty-two full time students have withdrawn from the college as a result of the teachers' strike, John Parrett, college registrar, said.

"Students planning to withdraw from the college to work should consider the long term effects of their actions, because it may be hard to find jobs in the future," Mr. Parrett said.

The school year has been rescheduled to conform with changes resulting from the four-week strike. The fall term will end on Jan. 24 with a Christmas break from Dec. 22 to Jan. 2

"I hope students won't simply withdraw because of the money, which would only help for a short term effect," Mr. Parrett said responding to the new policy by the Ontario government that students withdrawing by Nov. 24 were eligible for a tuition refund. The number of withdrawals is as of Tuesday. The number is expected to increase because the mid-term is usually a peak period for withdrawals.

Mr. Parrett said registration for the winter term usually done in December will be in January. Details concerning the registration will be mailed to students.

The winter term will begin on Jan. 29 and continue until May 11. January intake programs will start at the beginning of the winter term.

Feb. 9 will be the final day to register for the winter term and for students to add courses or change programs. Students withdrawing on this date will be eligible for partial refund of tuition for the winter term.

The winter term for the nursing and dental assistant programs will end on May 18 and 21 respectively. Ambulance and Emergency Care program winter term ends on June 8.

A winter wonderland?

A light coating of white stuff covers the cars in one of Niagara's parking lots. Winter came back last week, with lots of ice and snow; however, by the time this picture was taken, most of it had melted. Winter is still here though — the cold temperatures came back as a reminder of what is yet to come.

Photo by Virgil Klassen

Sex abuse of children focus of workshop

Child sexual abuse denies self respect, ignores the child's right to self-control, invades the integrity and "derails the developmental process of childhood," a workshop on Sexual Abuse and the Young Child was told.

Dr. Lorna Grant, assistant professor, department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at McMaster University, said an increasing number of young males and females in Canada are sexually abused before reaching adulthood.

"Sexual abuse is an inappropriate sexual experience forced on someone who is unable to give consent," she said.

The workshop, sponsored by the college's Continuing Education and the Day Nursery Sector of the Children's Services Committee, was aimed at developing the awareness and understanding of Early Childhood Educators who may encounter the sexual abuse of young children.

Dr. Grant said sexually abused children were difficult to identify; "they may show emotional distress and draw pictures showing isolation." Child care workers have the legal obligation to report suspected cases of sexual abuse on children.

Child abuse is common in all socio-economic groups, and drugs and alcohol are implicated, she said. The solution is to educate parents and children on the rights of others and teach that sexual abuse is non-acceptable.

"Our children are the greatest non-renewable resource of the next generation," Dr. Grant said.

PITCH IN

Students stranded

By JOHN BLACKWELL
Staff Writer

Niagara students commuting from Port Colborne may face having to drop out of school due to a lack of adequate transportation arrangements.

The Niagara News was contacted by students living in Port Colborne who are distraught that they are unable to make suitable daily travel arrangements between their home town and the Welland campus.

Port Colborne students are not served by the college's arrangements which provide access to a daily bus serving the Welland campus from St. Catharines or Niagara Falls. Lou DiMattio, of Niagara's counselling office, said this arrangement, which operates on a break-even budget, would be unfeasible for the limited demands of the Port Colborne-based student body.

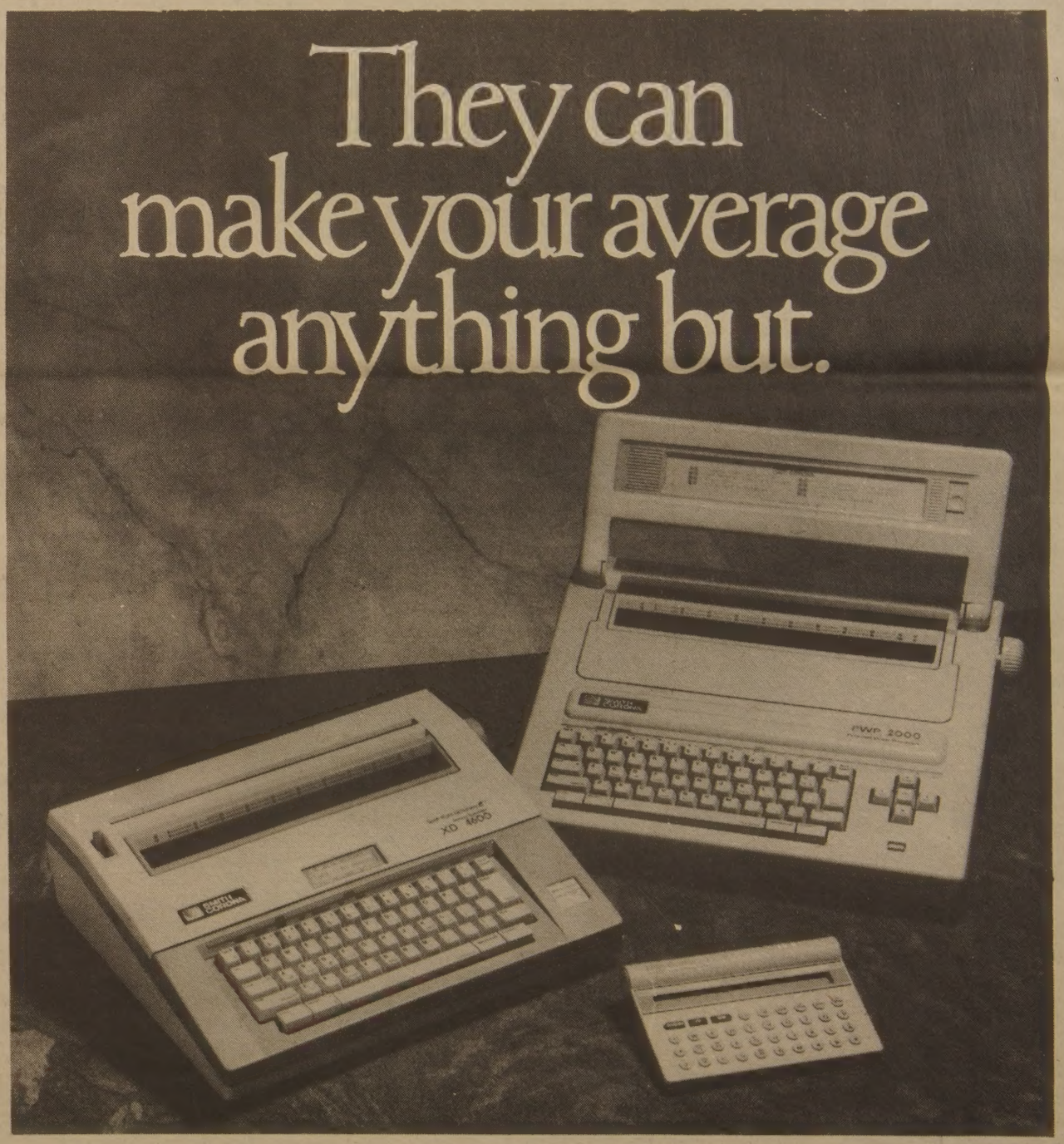
A bus service arranged by the college which served Fort Erie, Ridgeway, Crystal Beach and Port Colborne was discontinued after 1983 because of a deficit resulting from low demand. Ride boards were established after this cutback to meet the needs of students interested in setting up car pools.

ONLY OPTIONS

The only options for those needing daily transportation between Port Colborne and Niagara is car pooling, a private bus service operated by Farr's Bus company or, as a last resort, relocating in Welland. The Farr bus which runs to the Seaway Mall is not always practical because it leaves daily at 7:35 a.m. Students with young children cannot always arrange for care at that early hour. One-way fare to the mall is 90 cents. An additional 85 cents must be paid to ride Welland transit to Niagara.

The cost for a student commuting every day from Port Colborne to Niagara using this method would be about $470 per year. This compares with the $550 which students pay to use the Niagara Falls or St. Catharines services.

Students interested in participating in car pools can use the ride boards throughout the campus or contact the SAC office.



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Be drug free

Caroline Nelson, special needs assistant at Niagara College, displays a message on the college bulletin board for Drug Awareness Week which began on Monday. Its purpose is to raise awareness about the consequences of drug abuse and familiarize Niagara residents with the facilities available. This morning Niagara College is sponsoring a Youth and Drug Abuse Workshop at St. Charles Village in Welland. A Skateboarding contest will be held from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Sunday at the Footloose Skateboarding Club, Bunting Road in St. Catharines. Entry details are available by phoning 641-0266.

Photo by Paula Ritz

Both parties settle for arbitrator

By BAAITSE MOLAPO
Staff Writer

In an unprecedented move, both parties in the faculty strike have agreed to let their dispute be settled by a mediator-arbitrator — if they cannot reach agreement by the end of the month.

The strike which lasted for 28 days ended without an agreement between the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU), which represented the teachers and the Council of Regents.

A communique from the Ontario Public Service Employees Union said the union "took this unprecedented move in response to deeply-felt faculty concerns over the impact of the strike on 100,000 full-time college students and 500,000 part-time students."

Barry Sharpe, vice-president of the Niagara College faculty union, said although there were no agreements on the major issues of job security, sick leave plan and increased wages, "there were some agreements on other minor issues."

NOW PROFESSORS

One of those minor agreements which both sides agreed upon is to "change the classification terminology from teaching master to professor." The term teaching master was thought of as sexist while professor is gender neutral.

Mr. Sharpe said that he expected Martin Teplitsky, the mediator-arbitrator, to meet some of the demands of the union as he will be impartial. He will also be looking at all aspects of the dispute, and he has the power to take information which he needs in order to settle the dispute.

If the strike had been settled by legislating teachers back to work, the arbitrator-mediator would not have had the power to address the whole range of issues which had to be addressed, he said.

The mediator-arbitrator is a neutral third party who tries to get an agreement between the union and management. However, if no agreement can be forged, he has the power to impose a settlement on the issues in dispute.

OPSEU President James Clancy said the union has agreed to mediation-arbitration "out of the concern that students' academic years not be placed in further jeopardy."

Under the agreement, the parties have until Nov.30 to reach an agreement through mediation-arbitration. If there is no agreement Mr. Teplitsky will impose his settlement.

In the last faculty strike of 1984, which lasted for 17 days, the provincial government legislated the teachers back to school.

Red Cross Society helps 'where needed'

By ELIZABETH YATES
Staff Writer

In 1988, 140 volunteers from the Welland branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society collected 1,180 pints of blood, provided money for disaster relief from Hurricane Hugo and the Armenian earthquake, traced 10 missing persons and reunited two families, provided emergency assistance to 180 people, held two first aid courses, provided 80 homemakers to those in need, loan canes, taught 326 children how to swim, and spent 600 hours helping seniors in the community.

The Red Cross, a United Way agency, "really gets in where it's needed," said Eugene Maltais, who is vice-president and publicity director for its Welland branch.

Mr. Maltais, who teaches political science at Niagara College, values the Red Cross as "a really Christian organization. The red cross is very symbolic." Members of the Red Cross follow the Biblical commandment "love thy neighbor," and in their case, "The neighbor may be on the other side of the world."

The Red Cross is wide-ranging, non-partisan, and does not recognize racial or religious distinctions, Mr. Maltais said.

Mr. Maltais belonged to the Red Cross society at his school while in Grades 3 and 4. He was surprised to find his old membership card many years later, and thinks since the war was on at that time, he and his classmates probably did something patriotic like roll bandages. When Mr. Maltais was 18, he began to give blood. "I just thought it was the thing to do."

While living in Alberta, he helped organize blood donor clinics, and he was dismayed by the poor turnout at Niagara's clinics when he came to the college. He created the Corpsuckle Cup, which is awarded to the program year that donates the most blood on a percentage basis. At first, the cup was a joke. Mr. Maltais made it from an antifreeze can and a second-hand florist's vase. The winner's name was typed on a Band-Aid which was then stuck on the cup.

The cup proved very popular with the students, and was twice stolen. After the second theft, Mr. Maltais went to the college president and persuaded her to donate a new "cup." This new cup, which is actually a large wooden plaque, hangs in the college library and the winners' names are engraved on it each year. The winning program also receives an engraved plaque to hang in their hallway.

"The cup really improved attendance at blood donor clinics, and now donors have to line up for hours. They stand so long, their blood sugar levels drop and we have to feed them cokes to keep it up to an acceptable level," Mr. Maltais said.

Red Cross blood donor clinics are held at the college once a year, usually in the fall.

Office moved

Due to renovations in their old offices, the Special Needs office is now located in L20, just down the hall from the health centre.

They can also be reached at ext.589.

Nominations for Board

Nominations for two Board of Governors members, one representing students and one representing faculty, began this week.

Nominations began on Monday and will run to Dec. 4. Each nomination requires two seconders from the nominees' constituent group.

"We'd like to see a number of students run," Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said. "This is an opportunity for students to get involved in college affairs."

Nomination forms and information on the number of meetings, the role and responsibilities of governors are available at balloting stations throughout the college and at the office of the executive secretary to the Board.

There are six balloting stations on the Welland campus: the Co-op and Placement office, Tecumseh Centre Extension; ME-100, Merrit building; M-7, Mackenzie building; S-210-D, Simcoe building; H-21, Hennepin Hall; and H-3, Hennepin Hall — the office of the executive secretary to the Board.

There are also balloting stations at the satellite campuses: Empire Street; Hospitality and Tourism Centre, Niagara Falls; Horticultural Centre, St. Catharines; Mack Nursing Education Centre, St. Catharines — Curriculum Room; Mount Carmel, Niagara Falls; and St. Catharines campus — Main Office.

The term for the student member of the board is one year — from January 1, 1990, to Dec.31, 1990. The faculty member term is three years — from January 1, 1990, to Dec.31, 1992.

United Way campaign to reach $18,000

John Parrett, chairman of the Niagara College United Way campaign committee, is trying to "hustle up money" so the college can reach its 1989 goal of $18,000.

"We are trying to make the United Way more visible in the college by doing things throughout the year, and not just during the campaign", Mr. Parrett said. He said that is how industry, who generally contribute generously to the United Way, operates.

Mr. Parrett, college registrar, hopes to get the more than 3,000 students involved in the fundraising for the first time. He plans to stage events such as "half-and-half" draws throughout the year, and there are plans to have buses going from the college to spring Blue Jays' games.

Mr. Parrett's goal is to increase the participation rate of employees, as well as students: last year, 44 per cent of college employees gave to the United Way campaign; this year, he hopes for 50 per cent participation.

TO CANVASS

"We want to have more college employees involved in the canvass: we feel a personal canvass is more effective," Mr. Parrett said.

While the four-week teachers' strike interrupted the United Way fund drive, Mr. Parrett feels it had "no really negative effect" on the campaign. During the strike, administration, support, continuing education, caretaking and other non-striking staff were canvassed. "We've so far collected just over $7,000," Mr. Parrett said.

Now that classes are once again under way, the campaign will begin in earnest. Mr. Parrett is "looking forward to faculty supporting us. Hopefully the strike will have no effect, and teachers, given the opportunity to give, will be as generous as they have been in the past." Mr. Parrett is "really pleased with the response we've had to date."

IN COMMUNITY

Mr. Parrett describes the United Way as "local agencies helping local people. We take so much out of the community, we should really put back a small percentage for those who can't make it on their own." Donations to the United Way go directly to the agencies, and thus stay in the community.

"It would be nice if we could set the example for the rest of the community and the student," Mr. Parrett said, "At some point in time, we'll all be touched by the various agencies of the United Way."

There are many Niagara College graduates from social work, educational resources and special needs, and other programs, who are now employed by United Way agencies. "We (the college) help out the United Way, and the United Way helps our grads," he said.

Many Niagara College employees, in addition to campaign volunteers, are involved with various United Way agencies. Mr. Parrett himself is on the board of the United Way of South Niagara; Larry Taylor, program co-ordinator for the radio and television broadcasting, is on the St. Catharines United Way board; and Eugene Maltais, who teaches political science, is vice-president of the Welland Red Cross.

Editorials

Go on with education

Look ahead, not behind

As Ontario's college students return to school after a rather unexpected four-week delay, it is important to leave the teacher strike in the past and concentrate on the matter at hand — turning their attention back to their books and salvaging what some may have considered a lost year.

Some students are spending so much time complaining about the strike and asking friends, "What did you do during the strike?"that they are missing the work being covered in their classes. It is important that they put trivial discussions about the strike behind them and get back into the daily routine of studying.

Granted, many students have legimate questions and concerns. These people should make an appointment to speak to someone in their off-time so as not to interrupt class time.

Come on, students! So you may have a shorter Christmas break than you planned and you might have to delay you Fort Lauderdale trip until next year. At least things aren't as bad as they seemed two weeks ago.

Scott Tracey

Butts in blue cans

Come on, lazy smokers

Sitting outside the college in the most popular smoking areas are large blue and white cans full of sand. Scattered around these garbage cans are what are probably supposed to be found inside of them — cigarette butts!

There are hundreds of them just lying around for the janitors to pick up. What's the matter Niagara smokers? Is it so hard to lift your arm and toss that cancer stick where it belongs? Surely this is not the same courtesy used inside your homes. Ash trays are undoubtedly used in this case,are they not?

And there are a few "butt heads" around the college who have found it quite amazing that their cigarettes will stay clinging to the brick walls after being mashed to the filter. Do tell, is it amazing? Many smokers stand huddled outside the Simcoe entrance directly in front of these bins, but they still find it necessary to throw their half-smoked fags on the pavement. This is supposed to be college, not high school, so let's all act like adults and put the butts where they belong. There's no buts about it!

Paula Ritz

Bullpit

Complaints at Niagara smother all compliments

By SHEILA MCBRAYNE
Staff Writer

My only complaint is — all the complaints. Be they idle mockery of the parking situation or direct insults at the smoking ban, the protests are smothering any compliments that might still be alive in Niagara College — somewhere.

How much more fault could be found with parking? It seems that the college improves something, like paving and expanding the parking lots, and five more complaints arise. Doesn't is make sense that we should lock our cars? An impersonal piece of plastic that costs $40 should be enough incentive to lock our cars. So why the growling about stolen passes?

Did it ever occur to anyone that this is the first year we've had paid parking; therefore there are going to be some problems. Relax. Give the new parking policy a couple of years to work out the bugs.

Smoking. Let's stop and think about this rationally. The purpose of a college is to train students using practical experiences. Smoking is being banned from more and more businesses every day, so doesn't it make sense for the college to prepare us now for the reality in the real work world?

Once again a good policy such as the smoking ban is being attacked by chronic complainers. Smokers are whining because they have to go outside in the cold to have a cigarette. They're arguing that the college has taken away their right and freedom to smoke.

Even the non-smokers are moaning because they have to walk into a fog of smoke at the entrances to all buildings. Any mor complaints about smoking by smokers or non-smokers, are codially invited to call 1-800-WHINE

The fine art of complaining seems to indicate that it is a timely habit. When September was gone, the last protests about registration fees began fading out. Now winter is coming which stirs up more opportunities for the chronic complainers to cry the blues.

Will it be a repeat performance this winter? The classrooms are too cold. The parking lots are full of snow. The walkways are icy. It's too cold to walk to the cafeteria. Stop! Think about it; how can we complain about nature? The college has no control over the climate, so stop wailing.

Those who suffer from chronic complaining have one hope; lighten up. If they look real hard and try with all their might, maybe, just maybe, they might find a positive side to life. If not, please, keep your complaints to yourself. As almost everyone has been told at least once, if you don't have anything good to say, don't say anything at all.

Letters to the editor

Controversial issue ignited : sexism in language questioned

Dear Editor,

I would like to respond to an article that appeared in the Oct. 13 edition of the Niagara News. It was entitled Sexist language needs a woman's touch and was written by Alison Olsen.

The article expresses the views held by Frances Moss, vice-principal at E.L. Crossley High School, who was speaking to the Social Justice Committee meeting at the YMCA. The committee is an organization dedicated to improving the status of women in Canada.

First of all, concerning the so-called sexist words, these were not intended to be sexist. The word mailman originated in a time when men traditionally delivered the mail. Today it means a person who delivers the mail, not a male who delivers the mail. Similarly, mankind does not refer to the male of the species, rather to humans as a whole.

The meaning of these words has changed with the times, yet they still give us a sense of the times in which they originated. It's true that women today play a much more important socio-economic role than they did even a few decades ago, but I hardly think this warrants an overhaul of the English language. *Instead, the* language should be preserved as a fascinating historical historical artifact.

I am curious, however, as to how far Mrs. Moss would go. Would she expect the people of Manitoba to change the name of their province to Personitoba? And how about the Germans, would they become Gerpersons?

As for Mrs. Moss' implication that today's society is a sexist one, I wholeheartedly agree with her. Why is it that all the popular night clubs have ladies' nights where ladies get in and/or drink for free, yet none has ever had a men's night?

Why is it that in department store catalogues, the first half is devoted solely to women's fashions, and the men's fashions can be found on page 63? In many cases is it not the man's money that's spent? And the fair sex dare complain of male chauvinism. They've never had it so good.

Why is it that women pay half the auto insurance rates that men of equal ability pay? Is it because women are better drivers? Yes, it must be, it certainly couldn't be sexual discrimination.

Don't get me wrong here; I am for equal rights and I deplore discrimination at any level. But, if today's male-bashing feminists are so adamant about desexitising society, why hasn't one of them suggested the desegregation of public washrooms. Surely, if we all want to be treated equally as human beings, then there is no need for discrimination on the basis of sex in a public washroom.

Now before all you feminists rush out and attack me, my only intention in writing this letter was to show that there are two sides to every issue, and that, in a democratic society when one voice is louder than the rest, it results in a biased interpretation of the issue.

Former Niagara instructor can't keep up with the News

Dear Editor,

With the arrival of the last two (first two?) issues of Niagara News I am reminded that I had not advised you of a changed address, Monique and I having moved across the city last summer.

However, on mature consideration, I think you should drop me from the mailing list altogether. After fifteen years, the only names I recognize in the paper are Austin Jelbert and Barbara Blue. (When you two croak, I am sure they will hire a taxidermist and return you to the Editorial Office.) They say, "You can't go home again," and after such a long separation, home is scarcely recognizable.

Thanks for a lot of good writing over a very long time.

Yours sincerely,
Hugh Halliday
(former political science instructor)

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FOCUS

Communist rule

Sisters escape to freedom

By BOME MATSHABA
Staff Writer

Submerged to their knees in a muddy swamp, a group of women and children led by a muscular man made its way quietly through the shrubs to the riverbank. Another man of similar stature followed a few metres behind to cover the group's rear. The man in front knew this was the critical moment and with luck they would be out of range undetected in five minutes. There was no question what those armed soldiers would do if they spotted them. He stopped suddenly and retrieved a rowboat from some thick brushes nearby. They all crammed in and were soon paddling swiftly to freedom.

Undetected

This is not an excerpt from a novel, but an actual occurrence which happens with much frequency, as there are refugees fleeing from Laos to Thailand. The two sisters in the Business Accounting Co-op program at Niagara College will surely never forget their flight.

Crossing the swamps is not anybody's kind of fun. "It is dangerous, almost like suicide, yet people risk their lives all the time to get to Thailand," said 19-year-old Malaiphone Sackda, glancing at her sister, Malaivanh, sitting next to her.

Malaiphone was seven and her sister nine when they left. It was a dangerous and tedious endeavor which had to be undertaken with extreme care and confidentiality. The amount of planning which went into it was unprecedented, and only their parents can tell its extent. The children were never told the truth, not so much to keep it from the authorities, but from the snoopy and sneaky neighbors who wanted to know every single thing their neighbors did.

Confidentiality

Though they were not poor by any standard, the Sackdas thought life would be better in the west, where they would be free to pursue their desires without hindrance.They also wanted a secure future for their children. Most of all they hated communist rule.

"My parents left Laos with great reluctance, but they had no choice," Malaiphone said. " They saw everything they have struggled for all their lives crumble before their eyes. Things started changing. Our business started suffering because of severe government control and restrictions. It was at that point that they decided to leave."

Fleeing by boat was dangerous because of pirate attacks. Because knives were held at the throats of victims while they were robbed, the Sackdas did not dare take anything of value with them. The little money their mother had was sewed in the hem of her dress. It was a worthwhile risk.

MALAIVANH SACKDA and MALAIPHONE

When the opportunity to leave came, the family left in small groups so as not to arouse suspicion and avoid being arrested all at the same time. The father left first to await them at the other side. Next was the oldest sister, Malaivanh, her brother and two aunts. "I was told they were going to see a movie," grimaced the younger sister. From then onwards they suffered a sequence of breathtaking mishaps which followed them all they way to a refugee camp in Thailand.

It is only half an hour by boat from Laos to Thailand, yet that time can mean the difference between death and freedom. "Crossing that river was the most frightening experience of my life," Malaivanh said. "Never had I ever come so close to death as I did during those awful long minutes."

Frightening

As if the danger of being spotted and shot at by soldiers was not enough, Malaivanh and her aunts were arrested by Thai police the minute they stepped ashore and had to spend the night in a cold prison cell. "My father came to bail us out the next day and we were taken to a camp where we underwent medical check-ups," she said. "After a week we were taken to a refugee camp which was our home for the next year and a half."

For Malaiphone, who came later with her mother and three other families, the journey was all fun. "I was too young to understand the reason behind it, so I took my mother's words that we were going for a picnic and what a picnic it was!"

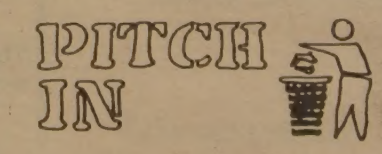
The family was reunited in a refugee camp in Thailand. "The food was bad, the camp overcrowded and it was not unusual to find two families sharing a tent," said Malaiphone. "Whenever I think about that camp all I can think of is flies. There was no way of escaping them; they were everywhere."

Malaivanh said they are glad they came to Canada. "This is a wonderful country. There are lots of opportunities here and it is up to everyone to be what she or he wants to be. There is nobody to stop you, but yourself."

Reunited

On the other hand it was bittersweet. Adjusting to the new environment was not easy. "At first people made fun of us and called us names, but after a while we got used to it," said the younger sister. "Unlike some of my friends, I am a very sociable person, therefore, it is easier for me to make friends."

Before coming to Niagara College, Malaivanh took fashion design courses at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in Toronto, while Malaiphone opted to come to college instead of going for Grade 13. The sisters can be seen dancing the night away at one of Niagara Falls' clubs on weekends. And, fellows, they are both called Molly (a shortened form of their names).



College meets needs of older students

BY VIRGIL KLASSEN
Staff Writer

More and more older students are returning to college these days, and the college is changing to acknowledge their presence.

A need for more specialized training in the job market brings many students back to school, and the end of the baby boom means that the college must increasingly look outside high schools to keep its enrolment numbers up.

At the end of September, there were 499 "mature" students enrolled in first-year programs, 410 of them back for their second year at Niagara College. These figures come from the counselling department and include anyone 23 or older.

"The trend is to more and more older students," Morris Bosey, coordinator of counselling services, said.

Training

Many come back to school because they've been working at jobs that don't satisfy them or don't pay well, Mr. Bosey said. Some know what they want to do, and they come to school to gain the necessary skills. Others only know what they don't want to do — usually because they've been doing it. There is also a group who come back to school to upgrade their training.

A lot do not fall under the college's definition of mature students. According to the admission requirements, "an applicant who lacks the formal minimum admission requirements may apply as a mature student provided that the applicant is at least 19 years of age at the commencement of the program."

In the 1987-'88 school year there were 215 mature students enrolled in the college using this definition, Lucy Riolino, records officer, said.

This definition leaves out a lot of older students: students who come back to school after some time away but still use their academic record for admission — including those who come to the college after other post-secondary education, people who come here for professional upgrading, and other older students who do not conform to the college's definition of a mature student.

Definition

When it comes to planning for the college's future, "We're looking at the mature students more and more," Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said. The college must provide more upgrading and updating courses to meet today's job market, she said.

Those who return to school after a few years away or come from a different educational or employment environment have problems that the student just out of high school doesn't have to deal with.

"A lot of things I didn't have time to sort out," Yvonne said. " I can appreciate anyone else with the same problem."

A new support group is being formed to help mature students with their problems. Niagara College is trying to extend its counselling presence by organizing a peer advising group.

Four peer advisers — mature students themselves — are available to help mature students with any problems: Lynn Cheel, Yvonne Cleaver, Linda Parise and Chris Vogt. Pat Cicci, co-ordinator of peer tutoring, has a record of the peer advisers' timetables, and they can be reached through her.

Lynn, Yvonne and Linda are second-year Educational Resources and Special Needs students with busy schedules. But they applied to be peer advisers because they knew what it felt like to be back at school after some time away — they can appreciate how difficult a transition it can be.

"I wish they had had something like this when I came back," Linda said. "After being out of school 19 years I was totally lost."

Yvonne who had been away from school for 20 years found it quite different from the country school she had attended before.

The peer advisers agree that time management seems to be the most difficult thing for people returning to college. There just don't seem to be enough hours in the day.

Advisers

Lynn had been out of school for 11 or 12 years, and she found it difficult to juggle her school work with the demands of home life. She said there are a lot of good services here at the college that students are not aware of — everything from babysitting to financial help.

Many older students are hesitant to come back to school, Mr. Bossey said. Some have a fear of being in an environment of younger people who have come here straight out of high school.

Yet Mr.Bossey feels that mature students are more likely to succeed because they're more highly motivated. They've had a taste of what the real world is like and are willing to do the work necessary for sucess.

Once they're back in school, older students sometimes become overwhelmed by all the new demands of the education process and they suffer along silently, Mr. Bossey said. It is his hope that the new peer advising group for mature students will help more of them in school.

The new peer advisers feel the same way — they're here to help.

So if you're one of the increasing number of "older" students at Niagara and you're finding the school experience difficult, don't despair. People are here to help you, and your brain will begin to work again!

Lynn, Yvonne, Linda and Chris want to keep mature students in school. They know how hard it can be to start school again and if they can, they'll help you with your problems. They can be reached through Mrs. Cicci in Peer Tutoring, or Mr. Bossey in ME-103.

Health Care System in poor health

By CATHY LAYTON
Staff Writer

Canada's health care system is not nearly as efficient as Canadians once believed it was and needs to be reformed, Dr. Michael Rachlis told a panel discussion in Vineland Station last week.

There are people in hospitals and nursing homes who shouldn't be there; there are doctors and nurses doing things they shouldn't, and the drugs being prescribed are a scandal, Dr. Rachlis said during a discussion of Canada's Health Care System at Prudhommes last Thursday.

Dr. Rachlis, co-author of Second Opinion, "What's Wrong with Canada's Health Care System," is the founding member, and president, of the Medical Reform Group Consultant on Health Policies. He was one of five speakers.

Frank Adamson, co-ordinator of Ambulance and Emergency Care at Niagara College, said, "We are talking about a system that is very complex; we are talking about a challenge." Mr. Adamson, chairman of the Niagara District Health Council, was the moderator of the discussion.

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Dr. Rachlis said there is no hope of reforming the system unless the public understands. Doctors should focus on the individual patient and give the patient the decisions.

Rather than deciding a patient with lung cancer will have chemotherapy, as doctors do now, patients should be informed of the treatment and its effects, and then decide for themselves. Dr. Rachlis said chemotherapy is ineffective yet patients treated with chemotherapy believed they would be cured when, in fact, the only thing they can hope for is a remission.

Doctors have been taught to do something; if a patient is ill they do something to help. Dr. Rachlis said doctors are treating patients with dangerous, expensive drugs that do nothing.

Dr. Rachlis said hospitals are not checking to see if people getting operations really need them. The hospitals are not monitoring themselves to see if they are meeting standards. The medical profession is supposed to set standards and follow them.

If patients were treated at home instead of in hospitals there would be a dramatic reduction in the need for drug therapy, and hospital beds. At home the patients would need meals delivered, transportation, nursing, and counselling.

DISAGREED

Robert McCann, president and chief executive officer, St. Catharines General Hospital, did not agree with Dr. Rachlis.

He agreed the system is in a time of change, but thinks it has worked well. "I think we have a very good system. I don't think hospitals are greedy."

The alternatives Dr. Rachlis talked about are not there yet. If 20 patients were moved to another place those 20 hospital beds would be filled immediately, he said.

Patricia Teal, an ophthomologist practising in Fort Erie, also disagreed with Dr. Rachlis. "My responsibility is to do all I can for my patients," she said. It is not enough to say people will be healthy if they just lead healthy lives. People are sick now, and they want help now.

Dr. Teal said hospitals have people waiting for months and months for operations. She has seen hospitals raffle off implants. "If you come from a small town, that puts you in big trouble," Dr. Teal said.

Shirley Blaine, registered nurse; nurse practitioner, co-ordinator, health and fitness centre, Seneca College, has a strong belief in community-oriented health care. She said there is a problem with society. "People want to believe there is a quick fix for everything. Society tells us if we have a headache reach for the bottle on the shelf. We have to change our culture."

Rena Porteous, registered nurse; State Certified Midwife, said a great deal comes from the community as people become more educated. Most problems can be dealt with in the homes and the community.

Midwives are not nurses or doctors; midwifery is a very modern profession with ancient roots. "A midwife is a specialist in childbirth." Midwives see themselves as part of the community, not part of an institution. She said her profession is a good example of the type of change the health care system needs.

Engineering granted award

Niagara College's manugacturing engineering department has been awarded more than $19,000 in grant money from the Society of Manufacturing Engineers to acquire capital equipment.

The award was received from the SME's Manufacturing Engineering Education Foundation after being approved by the Foundation's board of directors at its annual meeting.

The grants are intended to spur new developments in manufacturing technology and productivity and to further manufacturing engineering as an educational discipline.

Foundation president Reginald Barrett said, "Seventy-nine grant proposals were selected for funding from a total of 133 proposals received."

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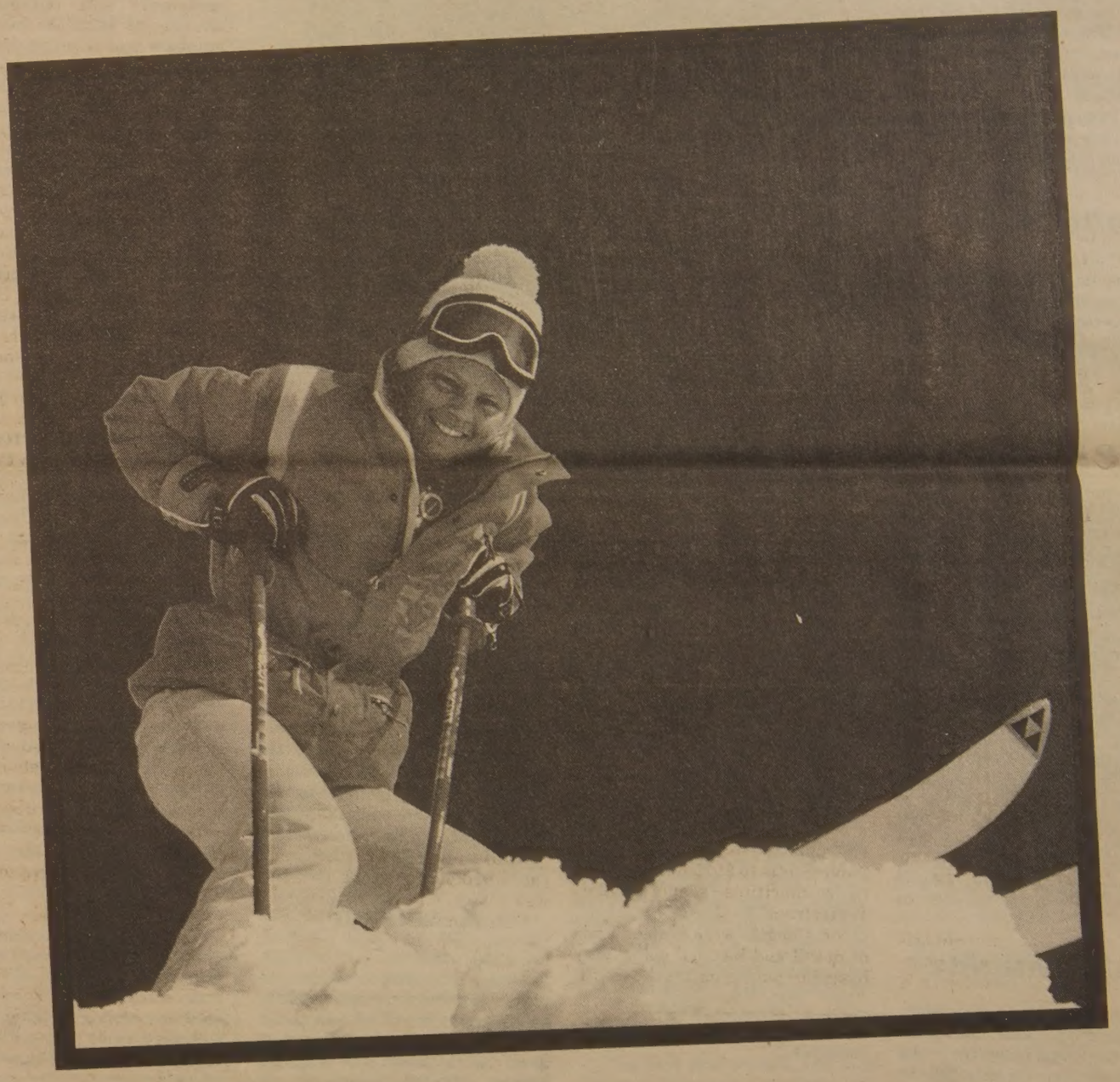

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Photo by Virgil Klassen

Wilcox concert ends with violent bar brawl

By BOME MATSHABA
Staff Writer

A capacity crowd filled the Niagara College cafeteria Wednesday Oct. 11 for the David Wilcox concert, making it one of the best attended and rowdiest gathering to occur on campus in a long time. "We saw some good fights after a good concert," one fan said.

About 500 people jammed the cafeteria to catch a glimpse of the all time great rock and pop maestro; they were not disappointed. The near-sighted-musician lived up to his fans' expectations and kept them on their feet throughout the whole show.

"I loved the concert and I think the fights were ridiculous. I have never seen such rowdiness in the college before," student Dave Ray said.

The crowd swayed and danced to excellent tunes like Downtown Came Uptown, River Boat Fantasy, and The Bad Apple and Bad Reputation which is affectionately referred to as the Bad Double. For his efforts Wilcox received great feedback from the fans. "Excellent audience," he said frequently.

For the $11 they paid for the tickets, the fans seemed to have had a really good time. "He is one of the best guitarists in Canada, if not in the world," one fan commented.

Things fell apart as the concert drew to an end. In what started as a gesture of appreciation and excitement, some fans standing on tables started showering those on the floor near the stage with beer. Apparently, they did not see the joke.

Shoving and pushing started, blows were exchanged and the concert had to be abandoned. Wilcox was escorted out. "It is always like this at Wilcox's concerts regardless of where he goes," said Donna Flutur, manager of the Student Administration council (SAC) office.

At least one student was taken out with blood pouring from a cut on his face. The security officers had their own share of action too; one was flattened by a student punch and kicked several times on the head.

One fan blamed the security officers for the fighting. She said the officers overreacted to what was otherwise innocent mischief. "They were overprotective of Wilcox and annoyed the people in the process," she said.

Although some fans seemed to have enjoyed the fighting, some were sad to see it happening. They think Wilcox or other musicians will have a negative impression of the college and, therefore, refuse invitations to come and perform here in the future.

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Unique Monoprints one-of-a-kind exhibit

By ALLAN BENNER
Staff Writer

Mainly Monoprints, the exhibit at the Hennepin Gallery, is a unique look at Canada through the eyes of Peter Vangils.

Mr. Vangils' works do not have the photographic perfection of magic realism or the odd mystic feel of surrealism; they are as unique as their creator. They may be images of Mr. Vangils' feelings and perceptions of a country that has an enormous effect on him.

Mr. Vangils came to Canada from Holland in 1957 and began to paint the Canadian landscape. His favorite subject to paint is "Canada from the Maritimes to the Rockies."

Monoprints, the medium of this exhibit, are prints made by painting transparent watercolor on a non absorbent surface, such as glass. Paper is laid over the wet paint and the back of the paper is rubbed. The paint is transferred to the paper creating a one-of-a-kind print and a unique effect.

Esther Dockman, secretary to the foundation, who works in the gallery, said, "It has been very well received and there have been about 50 people wandering in to the pictures from off the street, as well as college personnel."

The exhibit will remain there until the end of this month. There are 26 paintings on display priced from $295 for a painting called Nova Scotis to $625 for a painting of a maritime seaport called Waterfront.

Mr. Vangils' work is an odd mix of detail and blended color; very beautiful paintings are the result.

Cancels trip to Greece

The trip planned by Brian Keppy, Niagara College teacher, for the spring break has been cancelled for the second year.

"The trip won't be going because March Break was cancelled due to the strike," Mr. Keppy said.

Last year a planned trip to Greece was unsuccessful because of a lack of participants; it was $500 more expensive.

Mr. Keppy said 17 people had already signed up for the $1,200 trip after about a week.

The $1,200 fee was to include hotel accommodations, most meals, a one-day cruise of the islands of Egina, Poros and Hydra, and tours of Athens and the surrounding area. The trip was to last nine or ten days.

Next year Mr. Keppy is offering the same trip to Greece "for about the same price."

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Tropical weather awaits students in Jamaica

Sixteen second-year tourism and hospitality students are scheduled to leave for Montego Bay, Jamaica, today on a week's trip as part of their program's study on countries of the world.

Bruce McNiven, the teacher accompanying the students, said they will visit tourist attractions and learn about the culture of the Jamaican people.

The choice of Jamaica was made by the students and approved by the program, he said.

Tracey Entwistle, a tourism student, said the costs of the trip were nothing as compared to her excitement. " The trip will cost me $549, including hotel, airfare, seven breakfasts, three dinners and insurance."

"I am looking forward to seeing the Dunn river falls and the Ocho Rios market fair," Tracey said. Students will tour the plantations and small islands near Montego Bay.

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Opening Berlin Wall hard to believe

By VIRGIL KLASSEN
Staff Writer

Crossing the line into another country is taken for granted here in the Niagara Peninsula. The biggest concern is usually the length of the lineups at customs. The border crossing situation at the Berlin Wall was drastically different until recently.

The opening of the Berlin Wall was something people from that part of the world found difficult to imagine. For Canadians who have travelled between East Germany and West Germany, the border opening is even more amazing.

Hans Miethig, a Niagara College teacher who came to this country from Germany in 1955 and has gone back to visit since, said he has difficulty believing the opening of the Wall happened "so quickly and so peacefully."

"Canadians find it hard to grasp the large gap between West and East," Mr. Miethig said. "We have no concept of the restrictions that were there."

So much hate, created by the politicians, alienated the people of the two Germanys, Mr. Miethig said. "The two countries were so far apart."

When Mr. Miethig travelled across the border from West Germany to East Germany on his visits to Europe, he could not visit his friends and relatives there because they were afraid to meet people from the west. People in East Germany would not even accept gifts from the west for fear that they would be seen as having western connections.

Crossing the border could also be traumatic, Mr. Miethig said. When returning to the west, one had to be careful to agree totally with the border guards, or things might get difficult.

With the recent opening of the Berlin Wall, Germans can now travel between East Germany and West Germany much more freely. After years of not being able to do so, they will undoubtedly appreciate their border crossing privileges a lot more than we do. The lineups at the border won't even bother them.

Santa visits Shaw Festival Xmas Shopping Showcase

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The Showcase will run from Nov. 30 until Dec. 3.

Feminist Rosemary Brown says media exploits women

By ALISON OLSEN
Staff Writer

Women should "turn the world around so it reflects their highest aspirations and dreams," feminist writer and lecturer Rosemary Brown, told a forum on the exploitation of women by the media.

The social justice committee of the YWCA of Niagara Falls presented the public forum earlier this month at a packed hall, filled mostly with women, at St. Andrews Church in Niagara Falls.

Men do not wait for a rich and beautiful woman to sweep them off their feet, but that is what many women do, Mrs. Brown said.

Many women grow up believing in the fairy tale world of rich princes, lavish palaces and living happily ever after.

Women who preen and pout their way through relationships lose their sense of pride by displaying their bodies and not their brains, she said.

Mrs. Brown served 14 years as a member of the British Columbia legislature until her retirement in 1986. She was a candidate for federal leadership of the New Democratic Party in 1975.

Also speaking were Pat Cummings, representing the city of Niagara Falls; Loretta Rae, representing Niagara Promotions; and Diana Cote, representing CARSA, the Niagara Region Sexual Assault Centre.

Mrs.Brown accused the media of glorifying "Barbie doll" stereotypes — Men who feel that beauty is all that counts, and women who strive for physical perfection.

The media did not create the roles, but they did help to socialize them." Fifty per cent of today's marriages end before happily ever after, she said.

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Cosgrove wants to end people's concept about art

By ELIZABETH YATES
Staff Writer

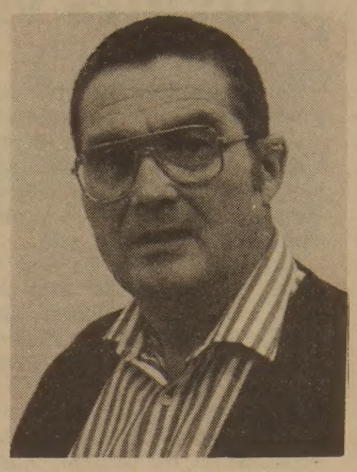
Ken Cosgrove, program coordinator for visual and creative art — design, wants "to try to end the nonsense about art."

He wants to change the concept many people have of an artist as an "...undisciplined, temperamental nitwit."

"We ain't that...we're seasoned pros," he said.

The program has been in existence at Niagara College, in various forms, for the past 10 years. Fifty-four students are enrolled in the two-year diploma program, in which they receive basic training as artist designers "They leave with their feet on the ground and a firm grounding in the basics," Mr. Cosgrove said.

Since the inception of the program, more than 120 students have gone on to the Ontario College of Art in Toronto. Three o



KEN COSGROVE
his students have been placed in the Nova Scotia School of Art and Design, which is the only North American art school to be recognized in Europe, according to Mr. Cosgrove. In the future, he hopes to place students at the School of Visual Arts in New York and the Pratt School of Art in Chicago.

Mr. Cosgrove, who describes himself as a professional designer, was formerly an ad director for Hiram Walker. He came to Niagara in 1968.

He feels people take design for granted, and points out that it is the second largest industry in the world. "We were the first industry to use lasers...to be fully computerized," he said. Artist designers are involved in the chairs people sit on, the packaging of food, the cars people drive, and many other areas of everyday life, but their involvement is not taken into consideration by most people.

Fine art is a very small part of the business; a successful artist must be "creative, well-disciplined, and know the basics — which are very involved," Mr. Cosgrove said. He wants to "...let young people know, if they are prepared to work and take the knocks, it (art) is wide open...but they have to be good."

First-year students are instructed in oil painting — how to use line, form and shape; life drawing — "the guts of the thing;" studio discipline — "how we think;" and hand lettering; basic English; western civilization, and media — "how we use color, layout and design."

Second-year students improve on these skills, and are also taught business procedures, costing and estimating of jobs, preparation of art work, and illustration.

They also become familiar with the operation of a process camera, silk screen preparation for reproduction, headlining machines, lasers, light tables, and slide production. "It's not a lot, or fancy, but it's good equipment."

There is also a small art library on campus, which Mr. Cosgrove encourages students to use.

Mr. Cosgrove is determined to "set up the best damned design program in Canada...I can do it, with a lot of hard work. I've got good students, and they'll get better."

Shows the way

Anyone who has walked around Niagara College's Welland campus has no doubt wondered why there is a white line running down the centre of it. Well, wonder no more.

Contrary to popular belief, the line, stretching from Hennepin Hall to the Tecumseh foyer, is not to regulate traffic flow about the college.

The line was painted to guide visitors to the college from Hennepin Hall to Simcoe, Edward Thompson, building maintenance supervisor, said.

When visitors asked how to get to Simcoe building, they would be told, "Just follow the white line," Mr. Thompson said.

Painted on a Saturday two summers ago, the line was to be the first in a number of colored lines leading to all points of the campus.

The idea, proposed by Foster Zanutto, director of marketing and information services, was later abandoned.

Department restructured

The Co-operative Education and Placement Services Department has been restructured and named Co-operative Education and Career Services, Michelle Pugh, career liaison officer, said.

The restructuring included the upgrading of positions for staff members Jean Brodie and Mrs. Pugh to career liaison officers.

"Our new job requires us to assist the co-op counsellors in supplying information to employers about available co-op programs and assisting students with information, for example, about housing in Toronto and Ottawa," Mrs. Pugh said.

She said additional courses were made co-op in September. The new programs are horticultural technician, culinary skills, electrical/electronic/computer engineering technology. The department now has 18 co-op programs.

Mrs. Pugh said the department has four co-op counsellors at the main campus and one at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre. The increase of co-op programs has increased the number of students requiring placement.

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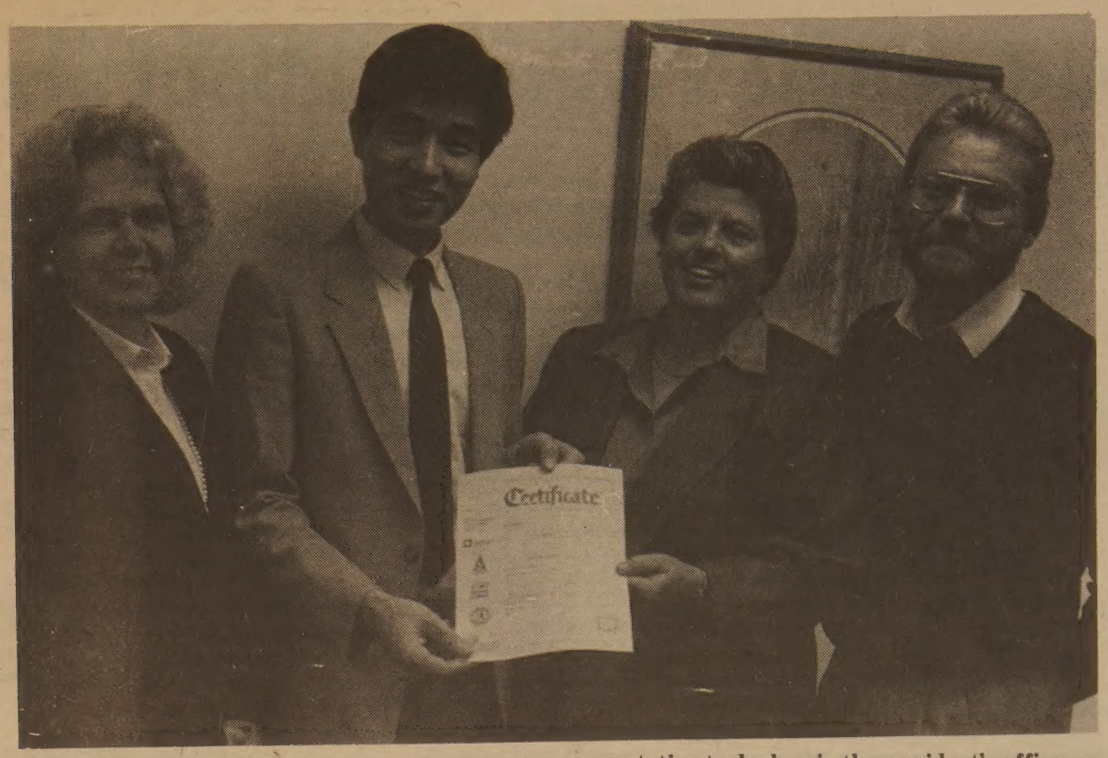

Chinese exchange program teacher to Niagara College, You-jia Wu (second from left) presented with a teaching certificate by college president Jacqueline Robarts (second from right). The surprise presentation took place in the president's office on Oct. 10. Also present was Bea Clark, manager in continuing education services and Hugo Bessems, Niagara College's international student liaison officer.

Photo by Bome Matshaba

Placement department provides vital link

The Co-operative Education and Placement Services department is "a vital part of the college" in providing a link between graduates and potential employers, Sherry Barna, the department's new career services officer, said.

Mrs. Barna took the post of career services officer after the retirement of Ken Anderson in July. Mr. Anderson had worked as the college's placement officer for 20 years.

"I plan to continue Ken's excellent work and keep the office active within the college and the business community," Mrs. Barna said. "I will keep in contact with co-ordinators for graduating students and solicit potential employers to take interest in the graduates.

"I will do this by going into the community, not only in the peninsula, to see what the business industry has to offer our graduates."

Mrs. Barna worked with the college's management information service as a computer programmer analyst. She also teaches the continuing education's computer fundamentals class.

She received a BA in psychology from the University of Waterloo and is working towards a B.Sc in computer science at Brock University.

Before joining the college, Mrs. Barna had worked in the computer department at E.S. Fox, Welland, and Ford Glass plant in Niagara Falls, where she was also in the human resources area.

As part of her initiatives, she is arranging for potential employers to come to the college to meet graduating students.

Mrs. Barna said her department is making plans for a career fair at the college early next year. "Different companies would be invited to show what they can offer students," she said.

Exchange teacher prepares course

You-jia Wu, an exchange teacher from China, is — among five other projects he is working on — designing a course in Chinese language and culture for English speakers. He said this after he was presented with a certificate by Niagara College president Jacqueline Robarts Oct.10.

Mr. Wu has been with Niagara College since August of last year as a result of a twinning arrangement between Niagara College and Changsha University in China. His five research projects aslo include one on English as a Second Language Training Program from both the academic and the student point of view.

He was presented with the Region's Orientation to College Teaching Program Certificate after successfully completing all the necessary requirements of the program. "This is a program that all the teachers in the sixth western region have to take," said Bea Clark, manager in continuing education services. "It is designed to help new teachers develop their teaching skills."

EXCELLENT EXPERIENCE

"It has been an excellent learning experience for me and I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to the college, especially the planning, research and development staff," Mr. Wu said. He said he is especially indebted to its manager, George Repar, and Hugo Bessems, international student liaison officer, for their support and guidance.

"The knowledge that I learned here has provided me with a solid background, not only in teaching, but also in international understanding and communication," Mr. Wu said. "I am sure that this expertise is what China is most in need of."

The exchange program between Changsha University and Niagara College is funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and is administered by the Association of Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC). It is an ongoing project which has been in existence for the last four years. Mr. Wu was involved in the negotiations and eventual implementation of the project while teaching at Changsha University.

In addition to his work at the college, Mr. Wu is also a part-time lecturer at Brock University in English as a Second Language. "I teach mostly students from Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Korea, and Libya," he said.

"These are students who, although they had English before, still find communication difficult."

As part of his duties he acts as a liaison person for the Niagara College — Changsha project, involved in communications, intertravel arrangements and orientation, and he also works as an interpreter for Canadian or Chinese delegations.

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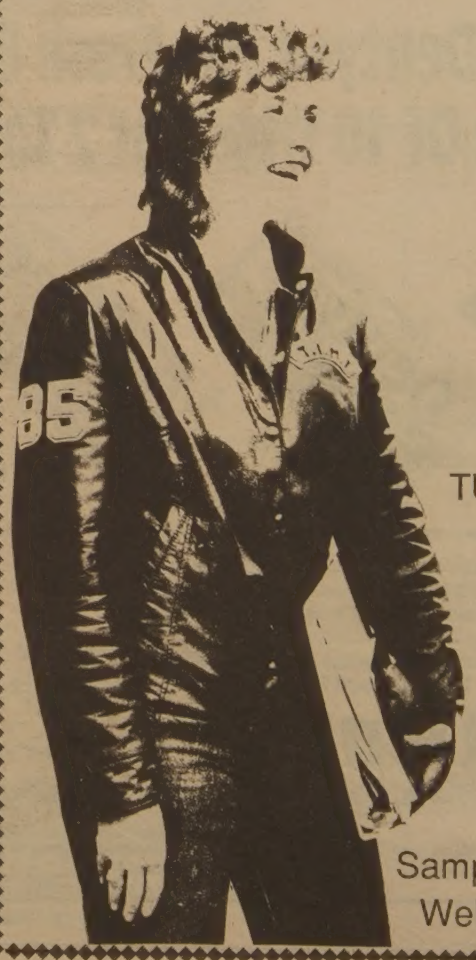

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Human Rights Code violated in Ontario

By VIRGIL KLASSEN
Staff writer

Many job application forms may still be in violation of the Ontario Human Rights Code, Ontario Human Rights Officer Fiona Cargill-Sim told Niagara College students in a Managing Your Career class Oct. 17

The Human Rights Code provides that every person has a right to freedom from discrimination in four major areas: employment, contracts, accommodation, and services, goods and facilities.

Under the code, everyone in Ontario is guaranteed equal treatment, regardless of race, ancestry, place of origin, color, ethnic origin, citizenship, creed, sex, sexual orientation, handicap, age (18-65 in employment; 16 years and over in accommodation; 18 years and over in all other areas), marital status, family status or the receipt of public assistance (in accommodation only).

Ms. Cargill-Sim provided the students with a sample employment application form which listed the only questions a person should be asked. Details such as a person's health, physical limitations, birth date, age or sex have no place on these forms and are none of the prospective employers business, she said.

INFORM COMMISSION

If there are questions which contravene the Human Rights Code on job application forms, Ms. Cargill-Sim said the Ontario Human Rights Commission would like to know about them. The Commission has been trying to implement non-discriminatory application forms for the past six years, but there are not enough people to do the job.

Ms. Cargill-Sim said that there are only two permanent Human Rights officers in the Niagara Peninsula, including Stoney Creek.

When an applicant faces a question that is discriminatory when filling out an application, Ms. Cargill-Sim's advice is to answer the question if one can answer it without losing the job.

"If you feel it would damage your chances of getting the job, leave it blank." Ms. Cargill-Sim said it would also be a good idea to ask the employer what the question has to do with the job.

Human Rights Officers spend most of their time trying to resolve people's complaints about alleged discrimination. They are supposed to be completely neutral in their decisions.

"We don't always do what they want," Ms. Cargill-Smith said. "We just represent the Human Rights Code, and we are required to conciliate between parties."

SICK LEAVE PROBLEMS

Sixty per cent of the complaints at present have to do with sick leave dismissals, she said. These come from people who lose their jobs because they go on maternity leave or sick leave, and someone else is hired in their place.

The Ontario Human Rights Commission's present position on this subject is that the employers must hold the job open for a person on sick leave unless they can prove it is an undue financial hardship for them to do so. Ms. Cargill-Sim said there may be some changes to this interpretation in the near future as there are several cases before the courts on this subject.

There have been many changes in human rights law recently as these rights have become more and more important. Two years ago, the Ontario Human Rights Code took precedence over every other provincial act except the Ministry of Transportation, Ms. Cargill-Sim said.

At that time the various ministries were given the option of adding a notwithstanding clause to their laws, but only the Ministry of Transportation did this. Ms. Cargill-Sim said the Human Rights Commission is trying to work something out with the Ministry of Transportation because of complaints that the ministry is refusing to issue driver's licences to people for health reasons such as diabetes and epilepsy.

If anyone has a complaint about a human rights issue, he or she should contact the Ontario Human Rights Commission, Ms. Cargill-Sim said. The address of the St. Catharines office is Suite 603, One St. Paul St., St. Catharines, Ont. L2R 7L4. The phone numbers for local calls are 684-7406 or 684-7407; there is also a toll-free line for out-of-town calls 1-800-263-4916.

'Foggy' future for railway

Steel rails fade off into the fog not far from the St. Catharines railway station. These rails used to keep this vast country together. For many Canadians who regularly take the train, the future also looks pretty foggy. On this autumn morning, the sun soon burned off the morning fog — hopefully the plight of rail passengers in this country may also improve. . . somewhere down the line.

Photo by Virgil Klassen

College asks:

Who has the Fastest Fingers?

Can you make your dexterous digits dance over a keyboard? When you type, are your fingers a blur to the awestruck observer?

If so, you are probably a likely candidate for the title of "Fastest Fingers in the Peninsula", a contest held by the business program faculty of Niagara College.

"We're very excited...it's a good way of going to the high schools and meeting the people," Yolande Bissonnette, business program coordinator, said about the contest.

There were 35 participants in the contest last year, the first year it was held. "It went really well," Mrs. Bissonnette said, and this year "we are hoping to have more."

The Fastest Fingers will fly Saturday April 7, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in room 12 of the Mackenzie building. Contestants will perform a five-minute timed typing exercise, and are judged according to their net words per minute (that is, minus errors). First prize will be awarded to the person with the highest net speed.

Contestants must live in the region, and winners will be selected from three catagories: Grades 9 and 10, Grades 11 and 12, and post-secondary students and the general public.

Prizes include an electronic Olympia typewriter donated by St. Catharines Business Machines, a Radio Shack telephone, Learning WordPerfect from Prentice-Hall, and The Art of David Blackwood, from McGraw-Hill.

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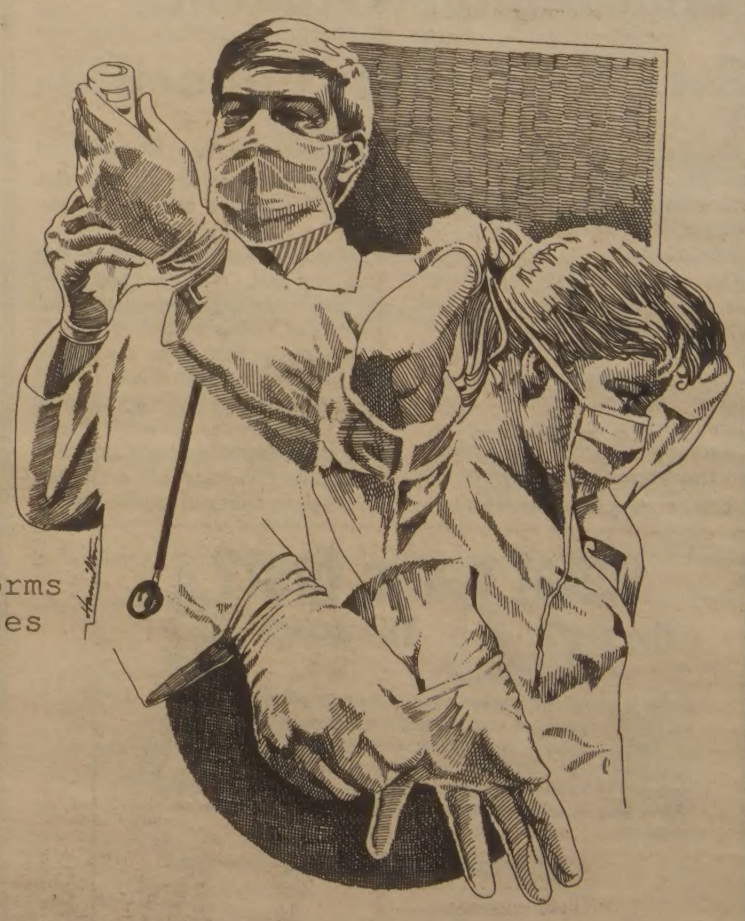

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Welland campus wilderness

No, this isn't out in the wilderness somewhere. These pines against the snow-covered grass are just north of the Simcoe building. Off in the distance, the hydro pole and street light are urban reminders of the city that isn't far away. The natural settings scattered around the Welland campus can be a pleasant diversion for study-weary students. The trees and gently rolling land are just there to be appreciated and enjoyed — one doesn't even have to study them!

Photo by Virgil Klassen

Fashion arts show success despite strike

Fashion arts students were still active during the recent strike; they arranged a fashion show at the Seaway Mall on Nov. 10 and 11.

The show, Classic Expressions, featured holiday wear and clothes sold by 17 different stores in the mall.

Three second-year fashion arts students were in charge of the event — Vicki Zaraliankos, producer; Charlayne Desjardins, co-ordinator; and Francine Power, assistant co-ordinator.

"We have these names (such as producer) just because we had to have them, but we all did everything," Vicki said.

The fashion shows were successful except for a few minor problems on Friday's show. "The first show we had a few problems with the music," Vicki said.

Charlayne agreed. "We thought we were getting something we didn't get but Saturday's two shows were excellent and I was really pleased with them."

"The strike made it more difficult. We had to put a lot more work in to it especially because Carol (Timm, fashion arts program co-ordinator) couldn't help us with anything," Charlayne said.

Vicki was happy with the number of people who volunteered to help, "especially with the strike going on."

Continuing ed continues...

Continuing education classes are going on as usual and the term has been extended to January, after 74 were postponed as a result of the strike, Desmond McCurry, associate registrar, said.

Of 300 students affected by the postponement, 24 withdrew from their classes. Twenty-seven students had their union classes cancelled until next term, he said.

"The strike did not affect all continuing education classes which during that period experienced an impressive 75 to 80 per cent attendance," Darcy Ewanchuck, office administrator, continuing education, said.

She said the re-scheduling of classes was going on as planned, with teachers and students having to decide alternative classes extending into January.

Continuing education registration for the winter term will start on Dec.4.

Valerie Stacey

Teacher finds reward in students' potential

Valerie Stacey, a newly full-time faculty member who teaches first year visual and creative arts - design, sees her job as taking raw students and showing them what they can achieve.

"I'm here for the student, basically...we've got lots of potential...realization of that potential is the reward," she said.

Mrs. Stacey instructs students in life drawing, painting, basic design, and visual perception. But, she added, her main function is to "...teach the student to see...how to look at the thing, so they can draw it."

Mrs. Stacey, who has taught part-time at the college for three years, describes herself as a "...bit of a jack-of-all-trades," and feels this "is very necessary for a foundation year." She has a background in both fine arts and design: she has a degree in three-dimensional design and was a designer for British Gas, and also holds degrees in visual and fine arts from Brock University.

Mrs. Stacey feels people see a barrier between fine arts and design which is not really there. "I don't see barriers...I don't see fine art as being distinct from design art," she said. "I like my chair to be as well designed as the painting on my wall, if not more so."

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Public relations student elected to College Council

Ron Ireland, a public relations student has been elected vice-chairman of College Council executive. He is the first student on the executive.

Tom Fraser, a faculty member was re-elected chairman in the Oct. 12 election. Sandy Fox, administrative staff association, was elected secretary and Barb Cupolo, of the support staff, membership chairperson.

Ron is on the executive to represent the interests of students. He won the vote against Jon Ogryzlo, administrative staff. Ron told the Council he is aware of how the Council operates and is familiar with its constitution.

"I am looking forward to the job," he said. "I think the Council has a challenge of improving morale of students and faculty."

It was the first time a student has run for the executive. In the past, the Council had a problem of how to get students represented. The elections were postponed last month to give students a chance to prepare themselves for them.

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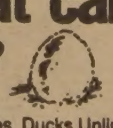
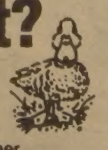
The egg?  **The duck?** 

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Dear Hans,

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I could not think of anyone else more deserving of receiving this award than you. Once more a sincere congratulations, and more important, thank you.

Yours truly,
Allan Topolinsky/President
T.A.T. Construction Ltd.
Fenwick, Ont.

Dear Hans:

Congratulations for the prestigious award granted to you by the American Society of Engineering.

As one of your past students I was not surprised to hear that you won this award.

I have always found that you are an instructor that always "cared".

Congratulations once again.

Bert Schertzing
Mutual Life of Canada and
Mutual Investco
Niagara Falls, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meithig,

It is with enormous elation that I am informed of your recent recognition by the A.S.E.E. and most deserved Award of Excellence.

Many fulfilling years have passed since you advised us that education provided a man both the opportunity and the responsibility to drive to "etch his name on the face of the earth" — that the most significant rewards came as a result of leaving the world a better place for having been there.

Well, Mr. Meithig, not only have you achieved etching your name on the face on the earth, you have been successfully in carving the career paths for so many of us to follow.

The impact of your tutorship went well beyond the simple curriculum of "mealticket" academics. While not listed in Niagara College's Course Guideline, each of us recognizes the most valuable elements of "applied mathemeithigs".

Your recent Award of Excellence serves to demonstrate your dedication to establish new benchmarks of higher achievement for all of us to follow. You have once again challenged and inspired your students.

Please allow me to join my fellow graduates in extending our most heartfelt congratulations on your recent award and for the Hans Meithig that resides within us all, our eternal gratitude.

Sincerely yours,
R.J. (Rick) Ballard
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Landis and Gyr
Mississauga, Ont

Dear Hans,

It has warmed my heart to read that you were the recipient of this award. Your dedication, hard work and standard of excellence has been recognized by this ASEE and it has never gone unnoticed by many of us here at the College. Hooray for you and the heartiest of congratulations.

Sincerely,
Sue Tallon
Continuing Education

Good for you!

Congratulations on winning the Outstanding Educator Award!

I've always known you were an outstanding educator as well as an outstanding human being - so nice to see you get official recognition!

Louise

Dear Hans:

Congratulations on being the recipient of the prestigious and international award for "teaching excellence" from the American Society for Engineering Education. I can't think of a more deserving person.

I remember well (and fondly) the values you taught us of being clear, the discipline of being concise and the duty to be correct.

I wish to thank you for being a motivator, an example, an educator and a friend.

Wishing you and your family a fulfilling retirement, I remain,

Yours very truly,
A. D. Koczula
Property Standards Officer
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Dear Mr. Miethig,

I hope this letter finds you and Mrs. Miethig well. I read your article in the Niagara News. You must feel very proud to receive this award. I can't think of someone more deserving of the 'Outstanding Educator Award' than yourself. For the first time, I'm glad I'm as old as I am. If I were younger and starting the program new, I might miss your expertise and guidance as the coordinator of Construction Engineering Technology.

I cannot begin to tell you how much I think of everything we have learned every day of my business. I am learning so much every day from business associates, textbooks, etc. I think of you when I'm getting frustrated with the design of an intricate roof (design) and I can see your face stressing the importance of 'Engineering Graphics'— you were right telling us that 'Graphics' is very important. When I run into a problem I get my notes out and read through them. I read your notes to me, then usually my problem goes away.

I want to thank you for everything you taught us, told us, and showed us, for I am a much better person for having been taught by you.

I hope you enjoy your retirement, which will probably last two weeks, then you'll start something new — whatever you decide I know you and Mrs. Miethig will be happy. I thank you again for your teaching and guidance.

Just to let you know — my business is getting very busy. I'm currently designing the new Toy Store for Grimsby, plus turning a house into a duplex, also a two-storey house addition in St. Catharines, and yesterday I got two more jobs — designing a custom home in Smithville and designing the interior lobby at Lookout Golf Course in Fonthill. (I'm currently in my third class at night school to receive my Consultant Certificate for Interior Design.)

I am so happy working for myself. I was tired of taking orders from people who knew less than I did.

You were so right when you said that money doesn't matter as long as you were happy with your work. At first I didn't believe it, but since working for myself I understand so well.

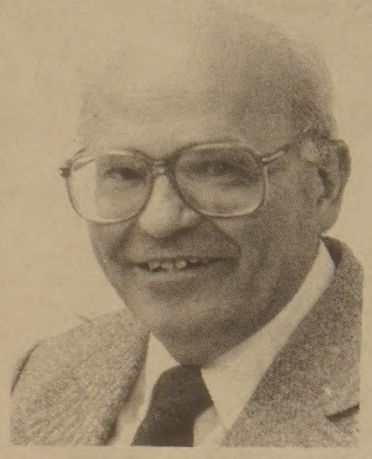
All my best to you and Mrs. Miethig.

Take care,
Belinda Phillips
(formerly Belinda Scott, graduate of the Class of 1984)
Design One
Grimsby, Ont.

Dear Hans:

Congratulations on your recognition of being an Outstanding Educator. I've known it for 17 years.

Johnathan Boughner
City of St. Catharines



HANS MIETHIG

Dear Hans:

Congratulations on receiving the Outstanding Educator Award from the American Society for Engineering Education. This prestigious award could not have gone to a more deserving individual.

Your dedication to the Construction Technology Program made it one which is well respected in the construction industry. The encouragement you provided is an important part of your graduates' success.

Thank you for the guidance and encouragement you provided. I wish you all the best in your upcoming retirement and trust your former students can call on you for a little guidance and information from time to time.

Yours truly,
Ken Wilson
Jack W. Harper Construction Ltd.
St. Catharines, Ont.

Dear Hans,

I was very happy to hear that you have been chosen as the recipient of the Outstanding Educator award, bestowed upon you by the American Society of Engineering Education. It is certainly a well deserved honour.

I know that your self-sacrifice and devotion to your profession have helped many of us as graduates of Niagara College to realize our own career aspirations. I can well remember how you never allowed any of my class to settle for mediocrity in our work but through example, guidance, and the occasional threat, encouraged us to set high standards for ourselves, and helped us to develop skills which I know have stood me in good stead over the years.

So, in closing, allow me to express my personal thanks for your help during my college years and to wish you the best in the future.

Yours truly,
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Barry R. Hardy, C.E.T.,
Senior Estimator

Dear Hans

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on receiving the outstanding Educator award. This is indeed a great honour and one which could not have been bestowed on a more worthy person.

Through your efforts you have gained the respect of your colleges and both past and present students. You have developed the Construction Technology Program into one which is held with esteem in the construction industry.

As a graduate and friend I would like to thank you for the support and guidance you have given me. The countless hours you have devoted to all of us have not gone unnoticed. I wish you all the best in your future retirement and hope that we will be seeing more of you.

Yours truly
Bill Harper
Jack W. Harper Construction Ltd.
St. Catharines, Ont.

Dear Mr. Miethig,

It is truly a pleasure to see you receive the recognition you well deserve for your dedication to your students and profession.

I personally thank you for guidance and wish to congratulate you for receiving this prestigious award. I know you will treasure this award and hope you will now take some time for yourself and enjoy your retirement.

As always,
Abe Dick Masonry Limited
W. James Fraser
Chief Estimator

Dear Hans,

I would like to congratulate you on receiving the "Outstanding Educator Award" from the American Society for Engineering Education. Let this award represent the gratitude of the many graduates you have helped during your teaching career. You have set a standard of excellence at Niagara College which hopefully will continue for many years to come.

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Uncomfortable beauty

These seven first-year fashion arts students learned first-hand how much comfort had to be sacrificed for style in the olden days. Ramona Crawford, a fashion arts teacher, borrowed these costumes from the Shaw Festival, where she helps make costumes such as these, to show her History of Costume and Fashion class. Students tried on the outfits, including corsets, to feel what it was like to wear such elaborate clothes. Being able to wear them and see them up close will give students added insight into an upcoming area of study. Shown in the photos: left photo, left to right; Ann-Marie Gow, Shelley Speiran,Gina Comeau, and, seated, Renee Lambert. Right photo; Melanie Webster, Mark Hughes, and, seated, Kristen Butler.

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Sports

The Staff proudly pose for their last huddle of the season. The Staff won the intramural football championship Nov. 21, beating the Technobobs 12-0. This year's "snow bowl" was the first football final victory for the staff. The Staff played ingenius offence and their strong defence kept the Technobobs out of their end.

Photo by Sheila McBrayne

Niagara College Staff wins intramural football finals

The Staff won the intramural football finals for the first time on Nov. 21. The Staff beat the Technobobs 12-0 in a cold and snowy championship game.

In the first of two 15-minute halves Peter Rylander of the Staff caught an interception and threw the first touchdown of the game. Leo Tiberi was the receiver who carried the ball into the Technobobs' end to make it 6-0. The extra points attempt by the staff was stopped by the Technobobs' defence.

The continuous flurries were only an added obstacle for Brian Green when he scored the second touchdown in the second half to end the scoring of the game at 12-0 for the Staff. Playing for the Staff were Tom Pagonis (captain), Peter Rylander, Brian Green, Jerry Salfi, Nick Ciolfi, Ray Sarkis, Rick Chandler, Duncan MacDuff, Al Vaughn, and Leo Tiberi.

The Technobobs are all second year mechanical engineering technology students. Team members were Guy DeDonatis, Kevin Martin(captain), Domenic Anello, Jeff Rusk, Jim Patrick and Jim Atherton. "As long as they don't go on strike we'll be all right," captain Kevin Martin joked before the game.

C-C-C-COLD

Mr. Pagonis' only comment before the game was a teeth-chattering repeated message, "Cold, cold, cold." Referees for this "snow bowl" were Fred Bassi, Andrew Conte and Jay Damato.

Despite the slipping and sliding, the fumbling and falling and the shivering and shaking, both teams kept control of the ball and worked hard at trying to conquer this fun match. Both teams took their time when huddling, but what better opportunity was there to warm up while discussing strategies ?

The presentation of the medals crowned the long sought victory by the Staff. This gives reason for these dignified athletes to chase fellow colleagues and students around an ice-covered field in a snow squall for more than half an hour. It doesn't sound logical but, to anyone who knows the feeling of victory, it was worth every ache and pain they felt the next day.

Niagara Knights wallop American hockey teams

The Niagara Knights hockey team is back in full stride after facing a couple of American teams in inter collegiate hockey league play this weekend. Friday night saw the Knights breezing past University of Rochester 16-1, while Saturday Niagara dumped Buffalo State University. After starting the season with a win and two losses, the Knights improved their record to 3-2.

As the score would suggest, the Knights clearly dominated play against Rochester despite starting the game with only 13 skaters. Jeff Mazi led the Knights Friday, notching the hat trick and picking up four assists. Chris Gallagher picked up two goals and an equal number of assists. Four other Niagara skaters picked up two goals apiece. The Knights outshot Rochester 70-30.

Things went from good to good when the Knights came up against Buff State the next night. Buffalo was coming off a 6-4 loss the previous evening to Penn State University. Also dressing only 13 skaters, the Bengals were expected to provide better opposition than they actually afforded.

"They quit. It's a disgrace. They have no heart," Niagara coach Fredd Bassi lamented during the second intermission with the Knights up by a 10-1 count.

The wheels fell off both sides during the third period as games on back-to-back nights began to take their toll on the undermanned teams. The pace of action dropped off considerably with the result certain and legs growing weary.

Jim Beattie, Lance Parcher and Jeff Mazi led the scoring for the Knights Saturday with two goals apiece.

Niagara moved into fourth place in the ICHL after the weekend action.

Notes: The Knights shut out their opponents in all 17 short-handed situations this weekend...Joe Passero threw the check of the weekend levelling Buffalo's Claude Molaini...Niagara's Dan Ruetz, James Ward, and the Mooradian brothers, Dave and Mike are vacationing in Mexico this week and were out of the line up..."That's Mexico's problem," Mr. Bassi quipped.

College hosts bonspiel; new curlers encouraged

The Niagara College curling team will be playing host to a bonspiel this Saturday at the Welland Curling Club.

Teams are expected from Mohawk and and Georgian Colleges and Brock University. The open format of this fun spiel allows men's, women's and mixed teams. Play is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m.

The Knights curling club would still like to hear from any students interested in curling this season. Women curlers are especially needed.

Those interested are encouraged to contact Bob Young in 112A or at ext. 670.

Library fines

Fines for overdue library books have been suspended until Nov. 29.

Trish Labonte, head librarian, said students have been advised to bring in their books or renew them in order to clear their names from the library files.

Hockey Knights start season with depleted coaching staff

By JOHN BLACKWELL
Staff Writer

All was not quiet in Niagara's athletic department during the recent labor episode. Although OCAA inter-collegiate sports screeched to a halt during the unfortunate incident, Niagara's hockey Knights' regular season began on schedule Nov.4.

Niagara's hockey team, you see, competes in the seven-team inter-collegiate hockey league with five American colleges and Conestoga college in Kitchener. That meant that the show had to go on, and so, with faculty member and head coach Fred Bassi following proper labor protocol, yielded way for assistant coaches Tom Wallis and Randy Kerr behind the bench.

The Knights started the season in full stride romping to a 10-1 victory at home over the University of Buffalo.

BUT — ALAS

The Wallis win streak ended as quickly as it began, however, with the Knights going down to defeat from Erie Community College in the first road game of the season by a 7-5 count. Niagara's next game fell the evening of faculty's first day back at school. The sudden return of labor amiability meant that Fred Bassi could once again take up position behind the Niagara bench for their Nov.15 battle against Conestoga College in Kitchener.

"Tom Wallis and Randy Kerr deserve a lot of credit for keeping things going while we were out," Mr. Bassi said afterward. "The wheels could have fallen off very easily but they didn't."

The Knights carried their 1-1 record into the matchup with the Condors. Niagara, however, showed no improvement when the coaching staff returned to normal. The team went down 4-2 to the Kitchener school on their Olympic sized rink, dropping their record in the process to 1-2.

"Being 1-2 doesn't disturb me right now," Mr. Bassi said. "We've had a lot of difficulties trying to get started. If we're still losing three or four games from now, I'll be worried. The American teams had no strike and Conestoga's coach isn't a faculty member so we've had troubles the other teams haven't had. We'll just have to deal with it, that's all."

ICHL STANDINGS

	W	L	T	Pts
Erie C.C.	4	0	0	8
Conestoga	3	0	0	6
Penn St.	3	1	0	6
Niagara	**3**	**2**	**0**	**6**
Buff St.	2	2	0	4
U. of B.	1	4	0	2
U. Roch.	0	7	0	0

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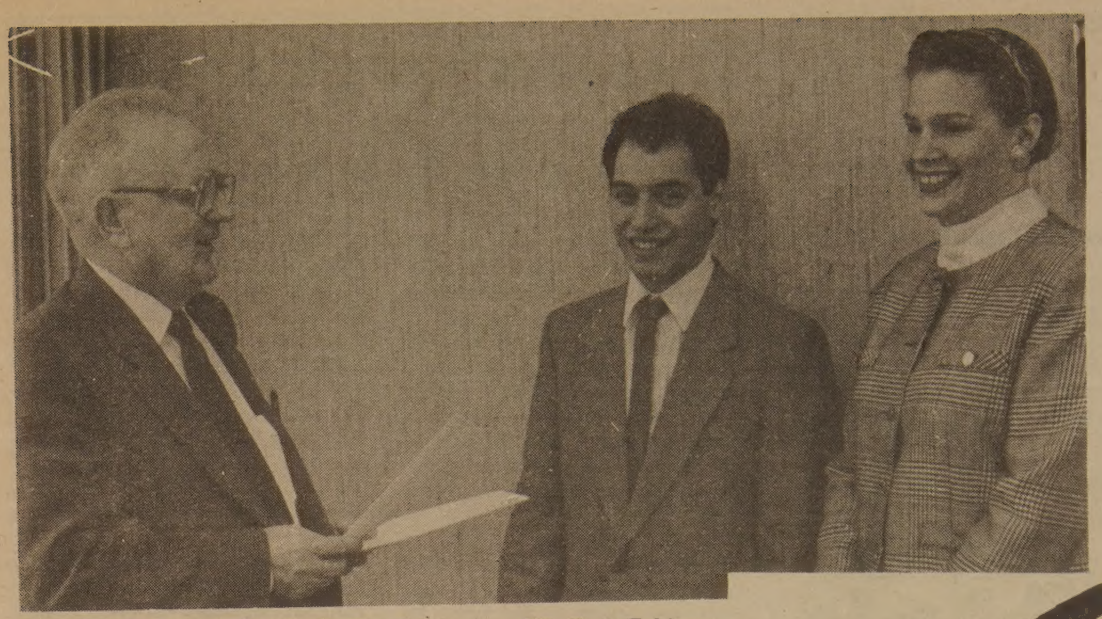


Mr. A Ferguson presents Sheila Van Zandwyk and Raffaele Fabiano with their Woolco Woolworth awards. The awards honor excellence in Niagara's retail management program. The winners split a $1250 cash prize.

Photo by John Blackwell

Two retail students split big cash award

Two retail management program students have been chosen to recieve this year's Woolco Woolworth awards. Raffaele Fabiano and Sheila Van Zandwyk have been selected to split the $1,250 cash award for students in the program who have successfully completed the first year and display character, citizenship, leadership and extra-curricular involvement.

Sheila, who is president of Niagara's Retail Management Club has in her wide experience worked in sales at Toronto's Eaton Centre, for Crown Pharmacy and R. Simpsons Ltd. She lists theatre and music among her interests and at one time was involved in the drama program at Brock University.

Raffaele is an honor roll graduate from Niagara Falls Collegiate and Vocational Institute. He has worked for Avondale Food Stores since 1983. On work terms in the co-operative program, Raffaele has worked for K Mart Canada and Canadian Tire.

Sheila hopes to eventually obtain her degree in business and work in the corporate offices of a large firm. Raffaele would like to eventually work his way up to head office with Avondale.

The award winners recieved their cheques from Fred Habermehl, executive dean, on Monday. Final selections were made by Don Pearson, the retail management program co-ordinator and the rest of the retail management faculty.

Best economics paper could win student $500

A $500 award is being offered to a student who submits the best paper in the field of economic development.

The Ontario Industrial Development Council, the association for economic development professionals in Ontario, will accept papers on any topic related to this field. All students enrolled in a community college or university in Ontario are eligible.

The papers will be judged on such things as structure, main argument and findings, clarity,and quality of subject matter.

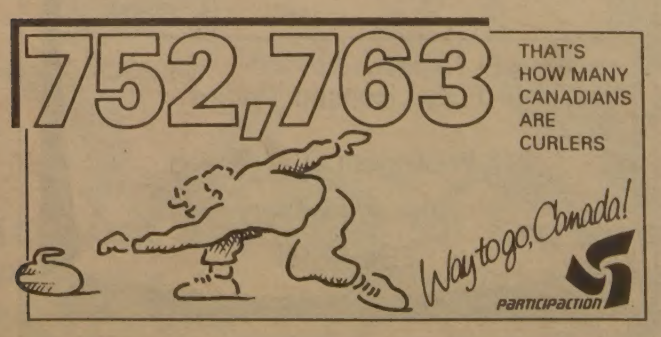
Each must be submitted with a cover page that states the student's name, address, phone number, and college or university. In addition, the paper must be in a clear typed style at a maximum of 50 double spaced pages.

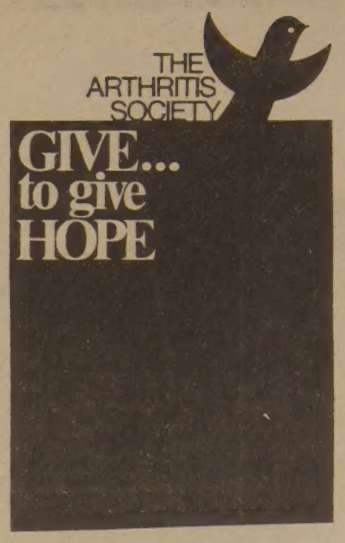
The council consists of more than 300 members representing banks, real estate developers, and municipalities.

All papers must be received by May 11, 1990. The presentation of the award will be held in Sudbury at a meeting of the OIDC from June 14 to 16.

The winning student will not only be awarded cash, but will also gain provincial recognition and have the successful paper published in the council's Economic Development Journal.

Students should send their papers to the Industrial Development Council Inc., 749 Walker Road, Windsor, Ontario N8Y 2N2.





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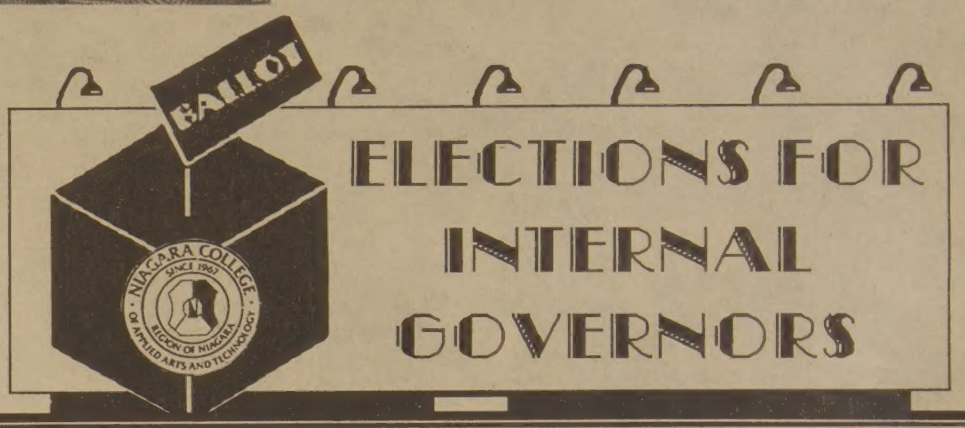

ELECTIONS FOR INTERNAL GOVERNORS

This year, Niagara College will be electing two internal members of the **Board of Governors**, representing **Faculty** and **Students**, to take office January 1, 1990 for the following terms:

FACULTY - JANUARY 1, 1990 TO DECEMBER 31, 1992
STUDENT - JANUARY 1, 1990 TO DECEMBER 31, 1990

Those eligible to vote are:
- FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME FACULTY EMPLOYED AT NIAGARA COLLEGE AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 1989
- FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME STUDENTS ENROLLED IN A CERTIFICATE OR DIPLOMA PROGRAM, INCLUDING ADULT TRAINING PROGRAMS, AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 1989

Nominations will take place **November 20 to December 4, 1989**. Nomination forms together with information about the number of meetings and the role and responsibilities of Governors will be available at the balloting stations shown below as well as the office of the Executive Secretary to the Board. Each nomination requires two seconders from the nominee's constituent group.

- WELLAND CAMPUS
  - CO-OP AND PLACEMENT, TECUMSEH CENTRE EXTENSION
  - ME-100
  - M-7
  - S-210-D
  - H-21
  - H-3 (Office of the Executive Secretary to the Board)
- EMPIRE STREET
- HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM CENTRE, NIAGARA FALLS
- HORTICULTURAL CENTRE, ST. CATHARINES
- MACK NURSING EDUCATION CENTRE, ST. CATHARINES - CURRICULUM ROOM
- MOUNT CARMEL, NIAGARA FALLS
- ST. CATHARINES CAMPUS - MAIN OFFICE

Campaigning will take place December 5 to December 18, 1989. **Ballot boxes will be available December 19-21, 1989**, with votes counted on December 22. Strict confidentiality will be maintained using two ballot envelopes, one inside the other. On the specified day, the ballot boxes will be opened in the presence of the returning officer and the return envelopes stating the name, employee group and signature will be matched against and recorded on the appropriate voter listing to ensure one vote per elector. The outer return envelope will then be separated from the ballot envelope to ensure the secrecy of the ballot and the ballot envelope will be returned to the ballot box pending the count of the ballots. After all return envelopes have been checked against the voters' lists and any disputes with respect to voter eligibility have been resolved, the ballot boxes will be reopened and the count commenced. The returning officer will rule on the eligibility of any ballot disputed due to improper marking.

Faculty ballot packages will be distributed through the internal mail system. Student ballot packages will be available at the above locations from December 19 - December 21. Voters may deposit their ballots in the boxes provided at the balloting stations between the hours of **10:00 a.m.-12 noon and 1:00-3:00 p.m.** on those days; **Continuing Education students** registered in a program leading to a diploma or certificate will be able to vote between the hours of **6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.** in the Continuing Education office in Hennepin Hall (H-21) on the Welland Campus or the second floor office at the St. Catharines Campus. Ballots may also be delivered to the office of the Executive Secretary to the Board (H-3).

Voters' lists will be available for checking from December 6-12 at the above locations. In order to vote, your name must be on the voters' list. The last day for revisions to the voters' list is December 12.

Keep an eye on bulletin boards for further notices regarding the elections.